

CF10 RUGBY TRUST

Sixty-fourth meeting of The Board of Directors

held via Zoom

on Thursday 16 February 2023 commencing at 7pm

PRESENT

Board Directors: Lynn Glaister (Chair), Andy Baker (Secretary), Sally Carter (Minutes), Andrew Bold, Simon Baker

Observers: Viv Jones, David Allen, Sion Williams, Martin Hughes

Apologies: Claire O'Shea, Andrew Collins, Derek Redwood, Steve Coombs, Simon Jones

ITEM

- 1 Chair's introductory remarks and apologies for absence

Lynn introduced the key themes – the ongoing crisis with WRU governance and the funding of the game. CF10 has kept up a high media profile with Lynn taking part in many interviews on TV and radio, both in support of the JSG and Cardiff Rugby.

All the key points will be on the agenda.

Apologies were noted.

- 2 Minutes of the Board meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2023

Minutes were agreed as a true record.

- 3 Matters Arising and Actions

All action points covered on the agenda

- 4 WRU Situation

There is still no deal signed although we are moving closer. Lynn, Andy and David reported back on the meetings held over the last month with WRU, JSG and Cardiff Rugby.

- 5 External Communications

5.1 Cardiff Rugby (Richard Holland 26 January & 15 February)

Lynn and Andy reported back from the meetings held with Cardiff Rugby. We discussed the implications of the deal on offer to the financial state of the club and the possibility of the Wales players strike. The financial situation is critical, and money will not be available until the deal is signed. A Wales player strike will have a huge impact on WRU finances and that will further damage the position of the Clubs. It was agreed that we should back the player's position in terms of job security and lack of contracts, but we shouldn't comment on individual terms, and we must acknowledge how dire the

financial situation is.

David had raised a number of supporter issues at the Board meeting and both David and Richard fed back on these points:

- Richard has again promised to improve communication and will send out regular newsletters after Board meetings. He stated that it is difficult to publish anything coherent at the moment because events are moving so fast.
- The issue of unfriendly fixture times was raised and the need for time between European fixtures to allow for people to book travel and accommodation. We have asked that these points are raised at any future discussions with the URC.
- Future hosting Cardiff RFC and Cardiff Rugby matches on the same day at the Arms Park was also discussed. This is not seen as practical because of the requirement for additional stewarding due to opening the whole stadium not just the south stand.
- Women's fit jerseys – the minimum order Macron want is 600 but sales are not likely to be that high and this is a big a hit to take. Rhys Blumberg has suggested producing a jersey through 1823, with identical versions in a men and women's fit. If Macron are not coming up with a sensible deal then Cardiff have the right to use the branding to produce something with another organisation. The Club are keen to involve women supporters in discussions with 1823 so that we have a clear idea of what is required. Sally agreed to be involved, and we will also extend an invitation to Claire to be part of the discussion.

5.2 JSG (multiple)

JSG have remained in broad agreement and have continued to work together for a common cause.

5.3 WRU (16 February)

JSG finally had a meeting with Ieuan Evans, Nigel Walker and Malcolm Wall. The meeting went on longer than originally anticipated and the focus was on the contract and financial situation. The status of women's rugby and the misogyny complaints were not discussed because of the ongoing investigation.

The discussions made it clear that the WRU are keen to sign a six-year deal now rather than another interim deal, and they hope to have this signed with the clubs shortly.

The WRU have agreed to regular meetings in future and maintaining an ongoing conversation.

It was agreed that minutes of the meeting would be produced and these will be placed in the public domain once agreed.

6 AGM 2023

It was agreed that we should move the AGM to Wednesday 29th March to meet the 6-week criteria for election notifications. Several Board members are up for re-election

and papers will need to be submitted to the Secretary 2 weeks before the AGM.

7 Working Groups

7.1 Heritage

Sally, David and Simon reported back on the latest Heritage meeting. A PowerPoint presentation has been created to better explain the need for a CIC to formerly manage the collections. It has been agreed that representatives of the Heritage group will meet with a small group of Cardiff Athletic Board members to make the case.

Steve has completed a number of interviews with former players. His interview with Alex Finlayson has now gone live on the Museum website, and an interview with Mark Ring is currently being edited.

7.2 Communications

Comms have had a very busy few weeks as we continue to try and remain respectful as we respond to the present crisis.

Steve has had a number of good pieces published in the matchday programme and a newsletter will be sent out in the next few days.

Lynn has been very active in the media, both on TV and Radio, clearly defining the current key issues facing Welsh rugby and helping to raise the profile of both CF10 and the JSG.

8 Finance

£1135.98 in funds.

The Annual accounts have been signed off and will be put before the AGM.

We still have to recoup £100 from Dragons or Cardiff SC for production of the New Years Day banner. [Action: AB]

9 Action Plan

Most of the items on the action plan have been covered but there are a few actions that still need to be followed up:

- The zero/low-cost environmental ideas to be sent to David

The longer-term issue of the redevelopment of CAP is being followed up. David stated that it is important to keep up the pressure on this issue because the future of the ground and the future of the club are intrinsically linked.

It was decided to check with Richard Holland at the end of the month to clarify the situation before formally writing to Keith Morgan asking for a position statement.

10 Other Identified Business

No further identified business.

11 Date, time and format of next meeting

7pm 16 March 2023 via Zoom